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## TF Freedom finds chemical production facility

Coalition Forces, acting on intelligence from detainee interrogations, raided a suspected insurgent chemical production facility and chemical storage locations Aug. 9. The early morning raids, conducted by Task Force Freedom, uncovered what technical experts assess to be a “clandestine chemical production facility” and possibly related storage sites.

Military officials are careful to state that ongoing analysis of the chemical evidence collected from the sites is currently insufficient to determine what the insurgents had been producing. “We are continuing to investigate the production and storage facilities to determine what type and quantities of chemicals were produced at the facility, and the specific threat posed to our forces. We don’t want to speculate on any possibilities until our analysis is complete,” said the Multi-National Corps’ Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Defense Officer, Colonel Henry Franke. However, military officials are confident that they have disrupted a potentially serious threat to coalition forces and the Iraqi people.

Concurrent with the technical analysis, intelligence experts are conducting related investigations to determine which terrorist or insurgent group is responsible for the construction and operation of the secret facility.



(Above) Chemical production materials and equipment were discovered Aug. 9 by Task Force Freedom soldiers (above).

**Unidentified Chemicals in 55 gallon drums (right) were also discovered, with more than 1,500 gallons of various chemicals found at the site.**



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### Projects increase water to Iraqis

The Al Amari Water Distribution project reached completion in Baghdad Aug. 11, providing more people with fresh water.

The project has the potential to produce about 250 cubic meters of potable water daily and service about 2,000 families in Baghdad.

As well, an average of 62 Iraqi workers were employed daily to complete this project.

There are a total of 67 water treatment projects scheduled for Baghdad, with 24 projects ongoing and 24 completed.

Since reconstruction began, 50 million additional gallons of clean water is being pumped to Baghdad residents each day. Additionally, new water wells and treatment facilities are in the process of being constructed and new delivery pipes being installed.

Improvements are also being made in other parts of Iraq. The Iraqi Ministry of Works and Housing, the Amanat, and the local city government have installed 27 fresh water compact units throughout Sadr city. The first unit was installed at the Thawrat-Al-Hijara School.

This unit produces 15,000 liters of clean, drinkable



water per day. By next month, 27 units will be installed and operating throughout the city, producing a combined output of at least 400,000 liters per day.



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(Above) FORWARD OPERATING BASE OMAHA, Tikrit, Iraq - Coalition and Iraqi soldiers gathered in a mass formation during a ceremony here, which saw the base handed back to the Iraqis, July 30. The FOB was turned over to the 1st Iraqi Army Battalion (IAB), 1st Brigade, 4th Division, signifying the increasing role the Iraqis are taking in providing security to their population.

(Left) BAQUBAH, Iraq Improved security in the Diyala Province has allowed Coalition Forces to successfully transition operational control of Forward Operating Base Scunion to Iraqi control. Iraqi soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division, hoisted the Iraqi flag July 31 over the newly named Forward Operating Base (FOB) Khamees, named in honor of an Iraqi Army Major killed in action June 26th.